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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. EMC², "http://www.emc2.co.jp/local/ja/JP/products/product_pdfs/srdf/srdf.pdf".
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-305856, published November 2, 2000.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 57-138237, published August 26, 1982.

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4. S. Tomita et al., "Computer Architecture, Quantitative Approach of Designing, Implementation and Evaluation", (February 1994), pp. 442-443.

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